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Virgin Mother Mary



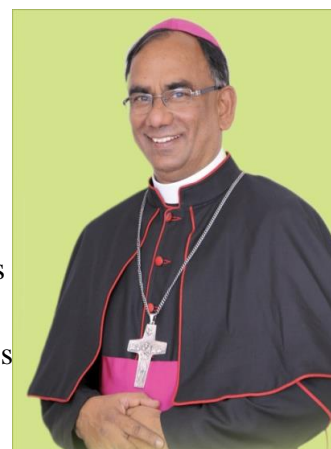
We Hail Thee!

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Covid-19 Lockdown Exit Phase-Response

The World Community, the Government of India and the Telangana State has been taking all necessary steps to ensure that we face the challenge and threat posed by the growing pandemic of COVID-19, the Corona Virus. It is depressing to know that the coronavirus cases worldwide and in India. The numbers given is terrifying. Epidemics have been part Holy Father's of human history but that around **33 lakhs population** is affected is horrifying. Besides we seem to be not bothered by the fact that more than **2.3 lakhs** people have died. That too those cases which are reported. There is fear that if we include the unreported cases, it would be dreadful!



Whatever, it is heartening that with active support of the most, we have been able to contain the spread of the Virus in India and Telangana. It is really encouraging that the cases reported in India, whose population 135 crores, are not that overwhelming. Thank God that we did not enter into third phase! Yet we are still sailing through the rough waters of Corona Virus but we have signs of better days after May 7. COVID-19 is likely to change the way people think, believe, behave, relate, work and the like.

My Joy: I was happy to be in contact with most of you through daily message through Wattasup, Divya Vani, Facebook, YouTube, etc. We all need to be more creative, out of the experience of Lockdown, in prayer to plan that we would be able to cope with the upcoming disruptive and upsetting reality. I wish to gratefully acknowledge the following:

Appreciation: First of all I acknowledge that from the time lockdown was imposed by the government, most of the Faithful tried to follow the guidelines provided by the government. Due to this it appears that the state and the diocese is in control this pandemic.

Gratitude to Clergy: In this exceptionally depressing and unclear situation, most had tried to respond to the neediest people. The Shutdown of Churches with all community Services was a shock to the priests and the people. Yet, as chosen and anointed, the pastoral Clergy did its best in praying for and with the people all alone and through social media. The possible spiritual dryness did not dampen the spirit of pastoral care for the sheep.

Relaxing Caution: There is a great possibility that due to the lifting either partial or full, there could be rush of people for various needs and reasons. It is important to continue with social distancing as far as possible. As loyal citizens, we are requested to prepare our people to deal with the exit policies which the government hopefully will come out with.

Institutional Response: Besides the Church, institutions within the Church need to respond to crisis like this. It is high time to encourage initiatives of individuals or associations so that the Corona affected poor people find solace and help.

Social Services: Accompanying the charitable activities of our charitable, social, educational societies of the Diocese, we need to continue them within our means and ways. It is imperative that we have to seek the government permission. Some guidelines could be restrictive and obstructive, but we need to adhere to for the sake of society at large.

Pastoral Services: Since the Churches and Community celebrations would continue to be shut down for some more months, let's plan to organise Eucharistic Celebrations but as per the government's regulations at different times, in different places and for different groups. In addition, let's organise the Sacrament of Reconciliation in different places/ centres.

New Form of Church: Let's ask, allow, and invite the Catechists and the faithful to share their spiritual experiences during the Lockdown. Let's organise catechism and faith formation classes for the children and youth by creatively promoting informal, non-institutionalised and non-clericalized forms of worships and para-liturgical practices..

Educational Response: Education is one of the most affected by the Corona pandemic. Therefore, let's be aware that thousands of students and teachers are unsure of their future. It is clear that lockdown for educational institutions will continue until 31st of June, 2020. We have financial difficulties but let's hope for God's Grace. WADES needs that students and teachers be encouraged to the teaching-learning through online classes. Greater effort should be made to the rural educational institutions.

Youth Ministry: The youth is in the forefront in innovating spiritual practices, prayer methods, singing and creating creative clips and videos to move the people from frustration to hope. Let's keep this innovative strength of the young people at the diocesan and parishes levels.

Social Communication: Through social and electronic media, the lay faithful, priests and religious need to innovatively utilize electronic media for the spiritual and religious needs of the faithful. It is time to record and document the produced during the Lockdown so that these are available for all not only in times of crisis but in other times as well.

Hopefulness in Risen Christ: Pope Francis has expressed his hope that the post-pandemic world would be marked by **more solidarity, concern for others, care for the environment, an appreciation of the church as a community and a sharpening of people's listening skills**. Working remotely all day, and every day of the Shutdown has nearly become normal, but when the COVID-19 pandemic is over, we look forward to rediscovering the face-to-face and the side-by-side lifestyle. Let us be united with the Holy Father, Pope Francis in his faith and hope. He reflected that for many, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. He also earnestly prayed and strongly hoped the Risen Lord dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end! Alleluia! Ave Maria!

II. Holy Father's intension

Prayer intension for evangelization- For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the World and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

III. MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS 2020

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, I chose to write a letter to all those priests who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call. On that occasion, I chose four key words – pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry. I believe that today, on this 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. Mt 14:22-33). After the multiplication



of the loaves, which had astonished the crowds, Jesus told his disciples to get into the boat and precede him to the other shore, while he took leave of the people. The image of the disciples crossing the lake can evoke our own life's journey. Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course. At times, though, the boat can drift off course, misled by mirages, not the lighthouse that leads it home, and be tossed by the tempests of difficulty, doubt and fear.

Something similar takes place in the hearts of those who, called to follow the Teacher of Nazareth, have to undertake a crossing and abandon their own security to become the Lord's disciples. The risk involved is real: the night falls, the headwinds howl, the boat is tossed by the waves, and fear of failure, of not being up to the call, can threaten to overwhelm them.

The Gospel, however, tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples; he invites Peter to come to him on the waves, saves him when he sees him sinking and, once in the boat, makes the winds die down.

The first word of vocation, then, is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. “Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord’s unmerited call” (Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear” (Mt 14:27). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: encouragement.

What frequently hinders our journey, our growth, our choosing the road the Lord is marking out for us, are certain “ghosts” that trouble our hearts. When we are called to leave safe shores and embrace a state of life – like marriage, ministerial priesthood, consecrated life – our first reaction is often from the “ghost of disbelief”. Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this?

Those thoughts can keep growing – justifications and calculations that sap our determination and leave us hesitant and powerless on the shore where we started. We think we might be wrong, not up to the challenge, or simply glimpsing a ghost to be exorcized.

The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice – like marriage or special consecration to his service – calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear!” We know in faith that he is present and comes to meet us, that he is ever at our side even amid stormy seas. This knowledge sets us free from that lethargy which I have called “sweet sorrow” (Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019), the interior discouragement that hold us back from experiencing the beauty of our vocation. In the Letter to Priests, I also spoke about pain, but here I would like to translate the word differently, as fatigue. Every vocation brings with it a responsibility. The Lord calls us because he wants to enable us, like Peter, to “walk on water”, in other words, to take charge of our lives and place them at the service of the Gospel, in the concrete and everyday ways that he shows us, and specifically in the different forms of lay, priestly and consecrated vocation. Yet, like Saint Peter, our desire and enthusiasm coexist with our failings and fears. If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour.

When Jesus at last boards the boat, the winds die down and the waves are calmed. Here we have a beautiful image of what the Lord can do at times of turbulence and tempest in our lives. He stills those winds, so that the forces of evil, fear and resignation no longer have power over us.

As we live out our specific vocation, those headwinds can wear us down. Here I think of all those who have important responsibilities in civil society, spouses whom I like to refer to – note without reason – as “courageous”, and in a particular way those who have embraced the consecrated life or the priesthood. I am conscious of your hard work, the sense of isolation that can at times weigh upon your hearts, the risk of falling into a rut that can gradually make the ardent flame of our vocation die down, the burden of the uncertainty and insecurity of the times, and worry about the future. Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us and save us. Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to praise. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say “yes” to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

IV. Pope warns of danger in online Masses Faith via Social/ Electronic Media

Pope Francis said the forced isolation devised to stop the pandemic was presenting the danger of people living the faith only for themselves — detached from the sacraments, the Church and the people of God. Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church, he said in his homily at his morning Mass in the chapel of his residence on 17 April. “This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always,” Pope Francis said. The pope began the Mass by praying for expectant mothers who may be anxious or worried about giving birth during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Perhaps they are asking themselves, “What kind of world will my child live in?” he said. “Let us pray for them, that the Lord give them the courage to carry these children forth with the trust that it will certainly be a different world, but it will always be a world the Lord loves very much,” he said. In his homily, the pope reflected on serious concerns about the faithful not being able to come together as a community to celebrate Mass or to receive the sacraments because of government restrictions against people gathering in groups as part of efforts to stem the spread of the corona virus. Masses, prayers and faith-based initiatives have been offered online, and the faithful have been encouraged to make an act of spiritual Communion given their lack of access to Holy Communion, but “this is not the Church,” the pope said. One’s relationship with Jesus “is intimate, it is personal, but it is in a community,” and this closeness to Christ without community, without the Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together and “without the sacraments is dangerous,” he said. Pope Francis

prays before a sculpture of Mary and the Christ Child at the end of Mass April 17, 2020, in the chapel of his Vatican residence, the Domus Sanctae Marthae. PHOTO: CNS/Vatican Media. It is dangerous, he said, because people could start living their relationship with God “for just myself, detached from the people of God.” As the Gospels show, Jesus’ disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord as a community — they gathered “at the table, a sign of community. It was always with the sacrament, with bread,” the pope said. “I am saying this because someone made me reflect on the danger of this moment we are living, this pandemic that has made all of us communicate, even in a religious sense, through the media, through means of communication,” he said. By broadcasting his morning Mass, for example, people are in communion, but they are not “together,” he said. The very small number of people present at his daily morning Mass will receive the Eucharist, he said, but not the people watching online who will only have “spiritual Communion”. “This is not the Church,” Pope Francis said. People are living this “familiarity with the Lord” apart from each other in order to “get out of the tunnel, not to stay in it.”

V. Pope Francis invites Catholics to celebrate ‘Laudato Si’ Week

Vatican-sponsored initiative unites the faithful in ambitious action for the environment

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis invites Catholic communities to participate in *Laudato Si’ Week*, from 16 to 24 May 2020.

The pope’s video invitation is here.

The weeklong program coincides with the fifth anniversary of the signature of *Laudato Si’* and seeks to engage the world’s 1.3 billion Catholics in ambitious actions to protect our common home. In his video, Pope Francis reflects on environmental protection as a core theme of his papacy and encourages the faithful to participate in *Laudato Si’ Week*: “What kind of world do we want to leave to those who will come after us, to children who are growing up? Motivated by this question, I would like to invite you to participate in *Laudato Si’ Week* from 16-24 May 2020. It is a global campaign on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the encyclical letter *Laudato Si’* on the care of the common home. I renew my urgent call to respond to the ecological crisis, the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue. Let’s take care of creation, a gift of our good Creator God. Let’s celebrate *Laudato Si’ Week* together. May God bless you and do not forget to pray for me.”

Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’* encyclical sparked prayer and action to protect the environment in thousands of Catholic communities and gave new impetus to the Catholic movement to care for creation. However, scientific analysis reveals that the pace of climate change and of mass extinctions continues to rise. To meet this challenge, more ambitious commitments are urgently needed.

Against this backdrop, Pope Francis and the Vatican’s Dicastery for Integral Human Development encourage Catholic communities to reflect on their actions to date and to then take the next step. Ambitious actions will vary from community to community; a suggested guide to the most impactful actions is available at the *Laudato Si’ Week* website. As a leading partner in this initiative, the **Federation of Asian Bishops’ Conferences** through the **Office of Human Development and Climate Change Desk**, is deeply committed to implementing the vision of *Laudato Si’*.

A comprehensive toolkit and template promotional materials can be found on the Laudato Si' Week website. Laudato Si' Week is sponsored by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. More information about partners can be found here.

Video message from Pope Francis:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHlzOWp8ZQY&feature=youtu.be>

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VI. Pontifical Council for interreligious Dialogue
Christian and Muslims: Protecting together the places of worship
Message for the Month of Ramadan and ID Al-FITR
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Dear Muslim brothers and Sisters,

The month of Ramadan is so central in your religion and therefore dear to you at personal, familial and social levels. It is a time for spiritual healing and growth, of sharing with the poor, of strengthening bonds with relatives and friends.

For us, your Christian friends, it is a propitious time to further strengthen our relationships with you, by greeting you, meeting you on this occasion and, where possible, by sharing in an *iftar* with you. Ramadan and *Id al-Fitr* thus are special occasions to foster fraternity between Christians and Muslims. It is in this spirit that the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue offers its prayerful best wishes and hearty congratulations to you all.

The thoughts we like to share with you this year following our cherished tradition are about the protection of the places of worship.

As we all know, the places of worship occupy an important place in Christianity and Islam, and in other religions as well. For both Christians and Muslims, Churches and mosques are spaces reserved for prayer, personal and communitarian alike. They are constructed and furnished in a way that favors silence, reflection and mediation. They are spaces where one can go deep in himself/herself, so favouring for God-experience in silence. A place of worship of any religion therefore is “ a house of Prayer” (Isaiah 56.7).

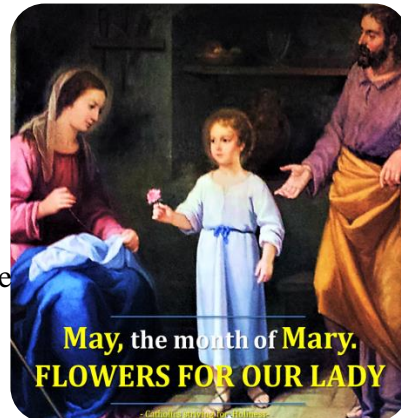
Places of worship are also spaces for spiritual hospitality, here believers of other religions also join for some special ceremonies like weddings, funerals feasts of the community etc. while they participate in the events in silence and with due respect to the religious observances of the believers of that particular religion, they also savor the hospitality accorded to them. Such practice is a privileged witness to what unites believers, without diminishing or denying what distinguishes them.

In this regard, it is worthwhile to recall what Pope Francis said when he made a visit to the *Heydar Aliyev Mosque*, in Baku (Azerbaijan) on Sunday, 2 October 2016: “Meeting one another in fraternal friendship in this place of prayer is a powerful sign, one that shows the harmony which religion can build together, based on personal relations and on the good will of those responsible.”

In the context of recent attacks on churches, mosques and synagogues by wicked persons who seems to perceive the places of worship as a privileged target for their blind and senseless violence, it is worth noting what the Document on “ Human Fraternity for World peace and Living Together”, signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Dr. Ahmad Al- Tayyeb, in Abu Dhabi, on 4 February 2019, said: “The protection of places of worship- synagogues churches and mosques- is a duty guaranteed by religions, human values, laws and international agreements. Every attempt to attack places of worship or threaten them by violent assaults, bombing or destruction is a deviation from the teachings of religions as well as a clear violation of international law”. While appreciating the efforts done by the international community at different levels for the protection of the places of worship worldwide, it is our hope that our mutual esteem, respect and cooperation will help strengthen the bonds of sincere friendship, and enable our communities to safeguard the places of worship to assure for coming generations the fundamental freedom to profess one’s own beliefs. With renewed esteem and fraternal greetings, in the name of the pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, we convey friendly wishes for a fruitful month of Ramadan and a joyous *‘Id-al-Fitr’*.

VII. Why is May, the Month of Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance". This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.



VIII. St. Joseph (the worker) -1st of May

WORKERS' DAY

The 1st of May also coincides in many countries with the working holiday weekend to celebrate the ‘unofficial’ start of summertime, the ‘May Day’ Bank Holiday festivities in the UK as they are known. St Joseph is also patron saint of the universal Church of Christ on earth, the dying, marriages, fatherhood, families, house sales and finances. He is also an excellent example of humility and obedience to the calling of God in his life. However, it is St Joseph’s patronage of



workers that is one of his most illustrious titles, warranting a special feast day in his honour. St Joseph was himself a humble carpenter who knew what it was to work hard, often for meagre pay, in order to earn a living to support his wife and foster child. Though a hard worker, he knew poverty and when presenting gifts at Jesus' presentation in the Temple, it was the gift of the poor that St Joseph presented to God, 'a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons' (Lk 2:24). In these times of recession with unemployment rising high we ask for Joseph's intercession and help from Heaven to help us in our work or indeed to find good, productive work which will improve the society in which we live and give us a spirit of peace and joy.

IX. World Day of Vocations - 3rd of May

Vocations Sunday or the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is a Sunday set aside each year by various Christian denominations as a day for prayer and reflection in relation to the call to ministry and Christian service.

The Church of England describes Vocations Sunday as "the day for churches to encourage everyone to reflect, discover and recognise God's call to them". In the Roman Catholic Church, Vocations Sunday coincides with Good Shepherd Sunday, which is the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The first *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1963 during the Second Vatican Council.

Please pray earnestly for Priestly and Religious Vocations from and for our diocese!

X. Mother's Day- 10th of May

Mother's Day is always celebrated on the **second Sunday in May**. A day to honor mothers is as old as human time. Festivals honoring mothers in ancient times were often tied to gods and goddesses. The Phrygians held a festival for Cybele, the Great Mother of the Gods. The Greeks honored mothers with a festival for the goddess Rhea; the Romans continued the tradition. Even today, an important festival in India, Durga-puja, honors the goddess Durga.



During the Middle Ages, people would return to their home or "mother" church once a year during the middle of Lent. (Back then, children would often leave to work at the tender age of ten!) Historians theorize it was return to the "mother" church which led to the tradition of children getting the day off to visit their mother and family.

Later, this day became Mothering Sunday. Children, mainly daughters who had gone to work as domestic servants, would be given the day off on the fourth Sunday of Lent to return to their mothers and home parish. As they traveled the country lanes, children would pick wildflowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

It also became popular to bake a cake for Mothering Sunday. This probably originated as well out of Lent because Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday; the fasting rules were relaxed for that day. (Often, the gospel for the day was about Jesus feeding the

crowded with loaves of bread. The traditional cake, called a Simnel cake, is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste. The cake was made with 11 balls of marzipan icing on top representing the 11 disciples. (Judas is not included.) Traditionally, sugar violets would also be added.

XI. Our Lady of Fatima- 13th of May

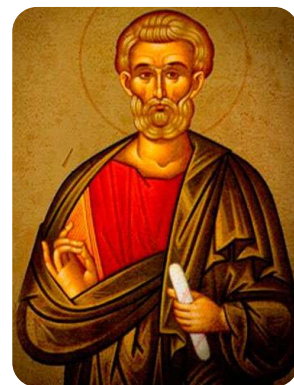
May 13 marks the anniversary of the first of six apparitions of the Virgin Mary to three shepherd children of Fátima, Portugal. Lucia dos Santos (aged 9) and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (aged 8 and 6, respectively) were tending sheep in central Portugal in 1917 when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. She exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace and, over the course of her six apparitions, gave the children three "secrets."



She promised a miracle in October, and on the 13th of that month a crowd of perhaps 70,000 people witnessed a "miraculous solar phenomenon," in which the Sun appeared to fall toward Earth. After initially questioning the authenticity of the children's visions, the Vatican accepted them as appearances of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fátima), and Fátima became the location of one of the greatest Marian shrines in the world, visited by thousands of pilgrims each year. Although Lucia dos Santos would later become a Carmelite nun and live to the age of 97, Francisco and Jacinta Marto died as children as a result of the influenza pandemic of 1918–19. The pious siblings were beatified in 2000 by Pope John Paul II, making them the youngest non-martyred children to be beatified in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. They were canonized as saints by Pope Francis in 2017 to coincide with the 100th anniversary of their visions.

XII. Feast of St. Matthias, the Apostle- 14th of May

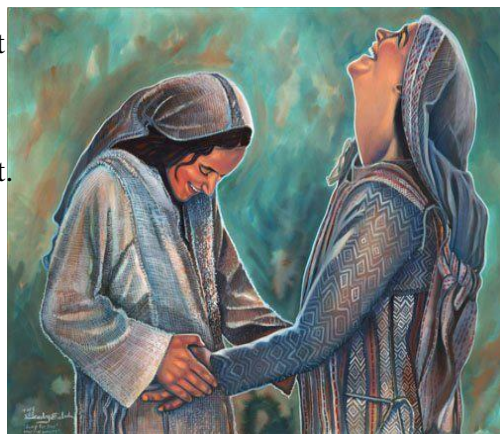
Saint Matthias, the disciple who, according to the biblical Acts of the Apostles 1:21–26, was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot after Judas betrayed Jesus. Jesus' choice of 12 Apostles points to a consciousness of a symbolic mission - originally there were 12 tribes of Israel - that the community maintained after the Crucifixion. Acts reveals that Matthias accompanied Jesus and the Apostles from the time of the Lord's Baptism to his Ascension and that, when it became time to replace Judas, the Apostles cast lots between Matthias and another candidate,



St. Joseph Barabbas. St. Jerome and the early Christian writers Clement of Alexandria and Eusebius of Caesarea attest that Matthias was among the 72 disciples paired off and dispatched by Jesus. Soon after his election, Matthias received the Holy Spirit with the other Apostles (Acts 2:1-4). He is not mentioned again in the New Testament.

XIII. Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - 31st of May

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. This visit is recorded in Luke 1:39-56. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary burst forth with the song of praise which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. Thus we are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the One Who was Himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.



XIV. Bishop's Schedule for May, 2020

1-7	:	Lock Down
1	:	Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker
3	:	Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations
8	:	Onwards as per government/s Regulations
10	:	Mother's Day
13	:	First Apparition, Our Lady of Fatima
16-24	:	Laudato Si Week: Climate Emergency
24	:	Ascension of the Lord: World Communication Day- World Wide Day of Prayer
28	:	Meeting the Seminarians of Warangal Diocese, Karunapram
31	:	Pentecost Sunday: Easter Season ends

XV. Communications

1. Rev. Fr. Dodda Raja Reddy is appointed as the Dean of Fatimanagar: Rev. Fr. Dodda Raja Reddy is appointed as the Dean of Fatimanagar, Warangal Diocese in the Place of Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry on 24th of April, 2020. Wishing him all the best with fruitful services. With gratitude, I lace on record the valuable services of Rev. Fr. Singareddy Balashowry, the out-going Dean due to his transfer to another Deanary.

2. “Warangal Diocesan Society” in response to COVID-19

“Warangal Diocesan Society” in response to COVID-19, took up various activities with the initiative of its President Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal. In cooperation with the government and for the welfare of the people, especially immigrant labour, poor in slums and Public sanitary workers who face severe problems due to **COVID-19**. WDS provided with Rice bags and the essential things of kitchen like Dall, Oil, Tamrind, Chilli powder, turmeric etc., to as many families as possible as per the requirement. During this Crises period of Pandemic **COVID- 19**. Warangal Diocesan Society felt its responsibility in promoting public health and welfare of the poor people who are affected due to Nations Lockdown.

1. On 06-04-2020: Warangal Diocesan Society gave the Kitchen items to the Daily Labourers in the area of Jahwaharnagar, Kazipet, in the Presence of Bishop Most Rev Udumala Bala, MRO of Kazipet and CI of Kazipet for 50 Families and also instructed them that they need to keep social distance and wash the hands regularly.



2. On 09-04-2020: WDS took up **COVID- 19** awareness program in the area of Dharga, Kazipet. Attended by Most Rev Udumala Bala, Kusr Pasha of Dharga and also by Assistant Commissioner Ravindra Yadav Kazipet, distribution of Face Masks and Dettol Soaps, for more than a thousand people by maintaining the social distance.



3. 13-04-2020: WDS also distributed sanitizers and Face masks to the Traffic Police personnel by Most Rev Udumala Bala, near Mother Teresa Junction to Traffic ACP Balaswamy.

4. 16-04-2020: WDS extended its hand to the Police who are working day and night by providing ORS energy Drinks under the guidance of Most Rev Udumala Bala and ACP Kazipet, Ravindra Yadav.

5. 20-04-2020: **COVID- 19** awareness program and distribution of Face Masks and Soaps was held in Government High School, Kazipet for about 100 people who are migrants.

Rev. Fr. K. Joseph, Procurator

3. News from Lodi MSSS: Lodi MSSS Response to Covid 19

For I was hungry, and you fed me... Mt 25:35

The novel corona virus disease (Covid 19) that has been damaging the world has thrown normal life of millions of people in India too mounting number of infections and casualties. Responding to the need of the hour, Lodi MSSS has taken up the social responsibility to support the people and the Government.



Lodi has initiated the charitable works by supporting different types of people in Warangal Urban district. The following people were supported

1. Migrants,
2. Police Department
3. Municipality workers
4. Health Department (DMHO).



200 Migrants were supported with food kits (containing Rice, Dhall, cooking oil, Salt, Onions, Tamarind, Chilly power) and Sanitizers and Face Masks.

Police personal were given Face Masks and Sanitizers.

Municipality Workers were supported with the food kits , sanitizers and Face Masks

Caritas India: Caritas India has given the financial assistance of Rs. 100000 with which we were able to continue our relief works in tricities by supporting the above mentioned categories of people.

Andheri Hilfe / Andheri Trust: We supported 200 migrant families with food kits, sanitizers and face masks in 20 villages of Devaruppala Mandal, Jangaon District as Lodi has been working in this mandal for the last 6 years with the support of AH.. We were able to support the Police Department and sanitary workers in the villages with face masks , sanitizers and glouses.

Manos Unidas: We supported 100 migrant families and daily labour with food and health care kits with the benevolence of Manos Unidas in Chilpur Mandal , Jangaon District as it is our project area.

Although Lodi office is closed officially, we were able to plan, organize, raise funds and implement the activities for the welfare of the poorest of the poor people during this emergency situation, due to Corona Virus. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala , President of Lodi MSSS has participated in the distribution works of charity . “Service to humanity is service to God”.

Fr. D. Vijaya Paul, Director

4. FCT & VKS



In response to COVID-19 pandemic, our bishop Most Rev udumala bala, the preadient of Fatima charitable trust and Viswa Karuna Sangam and Fr. Martin the Director initiated some of the relief measures for the poor and migrant families with the permission of local police and Revenue officers.



We have distributed Dry Provisions to 104 people who are physically and mentally challenged in Fatimanagar area. We also supported 278 poor families with Dry provisions and face Masks in Dharga, Kazipet, Fatimanagar, Ambethkarnagar of Madikonda, Jahwahernagar in Waddipally, Rajive Colony in Warangal and in Karunapuram. We also have supported the leprosy families with the Provisions and Medicine.

Rev. Fr. G. Bala Martin, Director

5. Mission Banjara

John11:25 " I am the Resurrection and the Life." By the Grace and Mercy of God, we the Banjara Mission Team had the great opportunity to have Adoration, personal and as community members Two hours per day. It is great opportunity to be closer to God, Prayer, Meditation, and Contemplation. It is blessed time to sit before the Lord. Acts 4:33" With great power the apostles gave their Testimony to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all." It is the time to give witness to the Risen Lord. John20:18 -Mary Magdalene went and announced to the Disciples, "I have seen the Lord". And she told them that he said these things to her. We are also supposed to give witness to the world in this suffering time specially for mission Banjara. But we hope and pray constantly the lord be Merciful to the Humanity and the whole world. We are here to be with suffering Humanity. Our presence in the churches, different Religious communities, praying for the Healing of Sinful Humanity and true forgiveness.

Proclaim that the Mercy of God is the greatest attribute of God. (St. Faustina, the apostle of the Divine Mercy) Divine Grace has triumphed her soul. Exploring Mercy is the grace and the love of God alive in our lives. It is God who is active in us, upon us and through us. We have to spend some Quality time with God. You are not alone, you are loved by God. As God's chosen ones, we are here praying for every country, every State and the diocese, to strengthen in faith and accompanying all poor and suffering people of Corona. God's Mercy was opened wide for every soul. Wish u all happy feast of Divine Mercy.

Fr. Samuel CPPS

6. WADES

COVID 19 SHUTS SCHOOLS

The 2019-20 Corona virus pandemic has affected entire world very immensely. It has unleashed the biggest calamity that the humanity has ever faced before. Among many other sectors Education is one of those hardest hits and badly affected. Schools are shut for weeks and months and students are stranded at home with extremely limited contacts with friends and virtually no physical activities. About 157 Crores across the World and 32crores of students in India are affected in bigger quandary because not only their process is disrupted but they are also going to face uncertainty with respect to their future as some of them were not able to complete their public examinations, placements and interviews are with held. In a way Education is in a grim situation.

On the other hand due to sudden lock -down of the Educational institutions, most of the schools were not able to collect complete fee from students and consequently the institutions are in to serious financial problems. Some of our schools found very difficult to pay salaries. Yet evening the President of Warangal diocesan Educational society, the Bishop of Warangal Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala DD, has been very kind in supplying money from the society to give salaries to staff working in WADES run Educational institutions for MARCH AND APRIL. We hear that many other private School's didn't pay salaries from Feb2020 even.

But His lordship has encouraged us to pay even month of April salary to show our solidarity and to stand by, in this hour of need with our staff families because most of them make their living only with it.

Hence we acknowledge and extend our sincere gratitude to our WADES- President Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala



2. Due to this unprecedented Covid-19 epidemic - lockdown, yet another section of people like: Migrants, daily wage labours and poor people are very much affected. And so we all know our bishop walks a mile extra in the cause of the poor, has advised and encouraging us to distribute food essential to the most needy. On 30.04.2020 we have organised this program at WADES office premises with the help Mr. Narendhar CI- Kazipet police station. Bishop has addressed the gathering and distributed groceries to 58 people.

Fr. M. Jaya Paul D.M

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Celebrate your birthday today. Celebrate being Happy every day.

Fr. Gangarpu Suresh	02-05-1984
Fr. Yeruva Papi Reddy	04-05-1968
Fr. Kasu Showreddy	05-05-1963
Fr. Gali Rayappa	06-05-1960
Fr. Narisetty Sampath	09-05-1987
Fr. Rachumalla Inna	10-05-1964
Fr. Gade Prakash	14-05-1969
Fr. Golamari Rayappa	25-05-1967



PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Rev. Fr. B. Chinnappa	01-05-1990
Rev. Fr. M. Anand	02-05-1994
Rev. Fr. D. Joseph	03-05-1990
Rev. Fr. R. Thomas	03-05-1990
Rev. Fr. P. Raja	04-05-1990
Rev. Fr. Gade Prashanth	05-05-2014
Rev. Fr. Gade Chinnappa	07-05-2014
Rev. Fr. Y. Satish	08-05-2014
Rev. Fr. P. John Paul	09-05-1994
Rev. Fr. Y. Bala	12-05-1994
Rev. Fr. G. Sudhakar	16-05-1994



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